

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1700 - SB 1964

February 26, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop non-textbook rating guidelines for use by local education agencies (LEAs) to evaluate and select required reading materials. Requires the SBE to develop a rating system for non-textbook reading materials in each grade. Requires the rating system to address issues such as the appropriate use of language, violence, sex, drugs, and other potentially objectionable material. Requires the SBE to hold at least one public meeting in each grand division of Tennessee prior to publishing the guidelines. LEAs shall begin use of the guidelines in the 2015-16 academic year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$46,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the SBE, a team of 10 people will be convened to develop the rating system. Four meetings will be held at a cost of \$10,000 per meeting for travel and meeting materials. The one-time increase in state expenditures for development meetings is estimated to be \$40,000 (\$10,000 x 4 meetings).
- The public meetings will be held by the SBE. The SBE estimates that each meeting will cost \$2,000; therefore, a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$6,000 (\$2,000 x 3).
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$46,000 (\$40,000 + \$6,000).
- Any increase in local expenditures to use the non-textbook rating guidelines is estimated to be not significant

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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